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AN ANTI-ADHESIVE SURFACE COATING

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## **AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Thrice amended) An element for use in a motor vehicle, comprising:

an anti-adhesive surface coating acting as a protective layer,

wherein the coating contains at least one compound selected from the group consisting of fluorormocers, fluorine-containing silanes, polymeric fluorocarbon resins, and partially fluorinated polymers, and wherein the element is one of a sensor element and an actuator element and is composed of at least one of silicon, silicon nitride, silicon dioxide, glass, metal and a ceramic.

8. (Twice amended) The element accordingly to Claim 1, wherein the coating is one of a polymeric fluorocarbon resin film or a fluorine-containing silane coating.

Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein.

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